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600 in Washington "Walk"; Canaveral Ahead

Pacifist-initiated anti-war demonstrations continued to hold public attention June. More than 600 persons participated in the June 1 White House picketing meeting that climaxed the week-long "walks" from Wilmington, Delaware and Chester, Virginia. The walkers, whose numbers in each group ranged from 10 to 20, were joined in Washington by groups that had motored in from more distant cities, as well as by Washington residents.

Walkers drew the attention of thousands during their week-long trek, and Baltimore and Wilmington had excellent press and television coverage. Miss Moody, FOR youth secretary, acted as coordinator for the Wilmington--Washington walk, reported that walkers often stopped to give them encouragement, or to walk with them a while. One man drove after the group on two successive mornings to give them fresh milk, and a motorist stopped to give each walker a candy. The walk was sponsored by a number of pacifist groups, including the

Canaveral Vigil June 21

The Fellowship's "Vigil at Canaveral" begins June 21 and is scheduled to run through July 6. Directed by FOR regional secretaries, Charles [unclear] and the Rev. Robert Gussner, the Vigil will have its headquarters at Azure Lane, Cocoa Beach, Florida. Mailing address is Box 107, Port Canaveral; telephone Cocoa Beach 1234. It is hoped that many pacifists will participate for either the full period or part time, with the magnificent beach as an added attraction.

Japan Sees Peace Moves

Meanwhile, delegates to the World Conference on Christian Education, to be held in Japan in early August, were urged to attend an International Meeting of Christians for Peace on Au-

Sailed Again; Jailed Again

The crew of the Golden Rule is in jail again. The doughty pacifist mariners, under injunction not to try to take their craft out of Hawaii toward the nuclear testing area in the Pacific, tried to do just that again at noon on June 4. Marshals met them at the dock, however, and arrested skipper Bert Bigelow.

Five hours later the return from the mainland of first mate Bill Huntington restored the crew to full strength (with James Peck, who had flown out a few days before to join them), and the ketch sailed quietly out to sea. It was overhauled by the Coast Guard some five miles out, and the rest of the crew was arrested.

At trial on June 5, Huntington, Peck, George Willoughby and Orion Sherwood were sentenced to 60 days in jail, with sentence suspended on Peck as a first offender.

Bigelow, arraigned the next day on a charge of criminal conspiracy, was sentenced to 60 days.

gust 14 at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo. Noted Christian Toyohiko Kagawa is chairman of the working committee, with FOR member Michio Kozaki, chairman of the National Council

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of Christian Churches in Japan, as a vice-chairman. Paul Sekiya, general secretary of the Japanese FOR, is also on the working committee.

Japanese and other Christians see the August 14 meeting as having tremendous importance in demonstrating a Christian concern for the ending of nuclear tests and the arms race generally. Many Asians identify Christianity closely with Western militarism and an outmoded imperialism, and know little of its peace position or activities. FOR members who will be in Japan at the time are urged to attend.

Immediately following the Christian peace meeting will be the 6-day fourth annual international conference of the Japan Council Against A and H-bombs, to be held at Kudan-kaikan Hall in Tokyo. Both the International and American FOR expect to have observers present.

Protest

The day after the arrest of the Golden Rule's crew, 30 people were picketing the federal attorney's office in Los Angeles by way of protest. Other similar actions are expected to occur in other cities.

One excellent form of protest is to carry on the basic witness by participating in the "Vigil at Canaveral." Stop the missiles--not the Golden Rule! Sign up today!

Georgia Legislature to "Investigate" Koinonia

Koinonia Community, pacifist interracial group at Americus, Georgia has been made the target of another official "investigation," this time the Georgia legislature. In April, 1960 the community was investigated by Sumter County Grand Jury, which charged the farm with amassing huge profits keeping "large numbers of innocent, guileless people in a state of peonage and inflicting violence on its own people and property in order to 'encourage riots...engender hate...and defraud non-informed sympathizers out of contributions, gifts and donations.'" The Grand Jury later admitted it had no evidence.

In arguing for the new investigation one representative said that Koinonia's existence "seems to weaken our white stand on segregation. Something ought to be done about it."

New attempts have been made to discourage the group by violence threats, also. A jug of gasoline was ignited on the porch of a Negro who had helped with the farm's corn harvest; shots were fired at men unloading a truckload of farm material; and a raiding crew cut down some of the community's fruit and nut trees.

Koinonia has relinquished the 100-acre farm it had purchased at Nesha Station, New Jersey, after zoning laws prohibited any commercial activities. Another attempt to establish a "branch" of the Georgia settlement is being made at Meadowlark Homestead, New Kansas.

The Georgia community was established some 15 years ago, and is the home of about 60 white and Negro men, women and children. Its founder-director is Clarence Jordan, a Baptist minister and member of the FOR National Council.

Support from well-wishers all over the country has resulted in selling Koinonia's entire peanut crop, the Georgia reports, but it still has supplied shelled pecans, which are available in boxes of 2, 4, 8 and 24 one-pound cellophane boxes at from \$1.20 to \$1.50 per pound.

NEWS from the peace front

A world with all the benefits and none of the terrors of atomic power is foreseen by West German physicist Otto Hahn. Prof. Hahn, who first split the uranium atom nearly twenty years ago, is one of the German scientists who a couple of years ago announced their refusal to participate in the development of nuclear weapons. Speaking at the Max Planck Association for the Advancement of Science, of which he is president, Prof. Hahn foresaw the development of the fusion process to the point where "the water of the oceans" could replace uranium. Fusion reactors would produce neither bomb materials nor radioactive elements, he said.

Nineteen pacifists who refused to take shelter during a Civil Defense air raid drill in New York City in June 1955 had their conviction affirmed this week by the 2 by New York's Appellate Term of the Court of Special Sessions. The pacifists had been found guilty of violating New York State's Defense Emergency Act, but sentence had been suspended by Magistrate Hyman Bushel. The effect of the new ruling is to affirm the constitutionality of the Act.

Nine pacifists who defied the alert in New York this spring were arrested and given suspended sentences. Demonstrators in other cities generally are not bothered by police.

A feature article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (May 18) observes that both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are losing members at an alarming rate." The article reports that the Legion has lost a million members in the past 10 years, and the VFW about half that many.

FOR member Paul A. Smith, of Washington University, St. Louis, took on a personal private project of writing to all U.S. Senators about bomb tests, nuclear war and nonviolence. With each letter he sent a copy of the FOR's "Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story." By May 19 he had written 11 Senators,

and had five personal replies. One Senator referred to the "comic book" as "the most touching and striking piece on nonviolent resistance I think I have ever seen."

FOR member Harry Emerson Fosdick, minister emeritus of New York's Riverside Church, was 80 years old on May 24. He retired from the active pastorate in 1946, spends most of his time now in writing.

British scientists have discovered an increase in radioactive fallout accumulation as high as "fifty-fold" in the past decade in plants growing in moorlands and on mountains. Since these areas comprise more than a third of the total living space in the British Isles, with extensive grazing lands included, the report has upset health authorities. Indications are that, because the plants have to fight for sur-

Who Said Christmas?

With the hot weather barely begun, Christmas seems a long way off. But the 1958 FOR Christmas cards--including two delightful new ones--are already in production, and we need to think about distributing them. You can help in three ways.

1. *Send copies of the descriptive brochure and order blank to your friends. Write now for as many copies as you can use--they'll be sent to you late in August or early in September.*

2. *Order FOR cards in quantity to sell for women's societies, men's clubs, etc. Prices much reduced on previous year's cards especially.*

3. *Order FOR cards yourself for personal, business, church use. Many people have had their first contact with FOR through these cards.*

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vival on the poor soil, they absorb Strontium-90 and other fallout materials more easily than plants in good soil. High concentrations of Strontium-90 have been found in the bones of sheep grazing on these lands.

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Delegates to the 101st annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, overwhelmingly defeated efforts to water down a resolution calling for "fellowship with people of every race and nationality." The report, entitled "A Call for Racial Reconciliation," was defended by the Rev. A. C. Miller, of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Convention's Christian Life Commission. Mr. Miller, recalling that "our missionaries have pleaded through the years to overcome the racial antipathy which hinders them in their work," said that the pleadings had turned to warnings "that a Gospel which cannot reconcile these differences in its own land will not be heard by the people of various races in other lands."

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Focus of the struggle on school integration this fall appears likely to be in Virginia. Federal courts have ordered the admission of Negro students to schools in three cities, and Governor J. Lindsay Almond has said he will close the schools according to legislation adopted by the Virginia Legislature.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 27--29. Northwest Regional FOR conference. U. of British Columbia, Vancouver, B. C.

July 25--27. High school age youth workshop at FOR National Headquarters, Nyack, N.Y. Registration \$1; board room \$10. Write Glenn Smiley, Box 22, Nyack, N.Y.

June 21--July 6. "Vigil at Canaveral" sponsored by FOR. Come for full or part time. Write Box 107, Port Canaveral, Florida, or telephone Cocoa Beach 3129.

Aug. 8--10. Southeast regional FOR conference, Allen High School, 3 College St., Asheville, N.C. Write Mrs. Helen James, VA Hospital, Swannanoa, N.C.

Aug. 11--31. Peacemakers Training Program in Nonviolence, Woolmandale, Ind. Write Peacemaker, 10208, Sylvan Ave., Cincinnati 41, Ohio.

Aug. 29--31. New England National FOR conference, Laurel Park, Mass. From 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday noon. Top speakers, and three panels on "New Approaches in Race Relations"; "International Crisis in Nuclear Missile Age"; and "Science in the Nuclear Age." Write to Box 271, New York, N.Y., or to Rev. Robert Gussner, Box 107, Port Canaveral, Florida.

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